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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTION - Constitution of the Cancer Association and organisation of cancer treatment - Information regarding - Papers - Recorded.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DATED 16--9--1947.

Treatment for cancer.

*13 Q.--Mrs. M.N.CLUBWALA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state--

(a) the names of the members of the Executive Committee of the Madras Cancer Association;

(b) whether this committee is pressing for the organization of cancer treatment, its early detection, the follow-up of these patients, etc., on a more scientific basis as is obtaining in some of the advanced countries;

(c) what arrangements already exist in the Government institutions to achieve the above objects and if the existing organization is not up to the desired standard, what the intention of the Government in this respect;is; and

(d) whether the Government propose to issue instructions that the various parts of work connected with the cancer treatment ~~xxxxx~~ be carried out by specialists if such staff exist and if not, whether the Government propose to train such specialists in the immediate future?"

The HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:-- "(a) No election of members of the Executive Committee has been held, but the members of the Provincial Central Committee have been till now discharging the duties of the Executive Committee. The following are the names of the members of the existing Provincial Central Committee:-

(1) The Hon. the Minister for Public Health - President.

(2) The Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras. - Vice President.

(3) The Director of Public Health.

(4) The Secretary to the Government of Madras, Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

(5) The Director of Public Instruction.

(6) Mrs. M.N.Clubwala, M.B.E.,

(7) Lieut.-Col. V. B. Stork.

(8) Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar.

(9) Dr. B. M. Sundaravadanam.

(10) Rao Bahadur Captain M.G.Kini.

(11) The Maharani Saheba Vidyavathi Devi of Vizianagaram.

(12) Dr. P. Rama Rao.

(13) Dr. K. Manjunatha Rai, F.R.C.S.(Eng.), D.M.A.(Lond.) -- Honorary Secretary.

"(b) The expert committee of the Cancer Association of Madras has suggested certain interim arrangements for the treatment of cancer cases and those are under consideration.

(c) (1) There is a first-class institute of Radiology at the Government General Hospital, Madras, with practically all modern apparatuses and Radium and Radon for treatment of cancer. It has been proposed that some beds in the hospital may be set apart for the treatment of cancer cases.

(2) There is a deep X-Ray plant at the Government Hospital for Women and Children, Madras, and a few beds have been set apart for the treatment of cancer cases in the hospital.

(3) There is a small quantity of radium available at the King George Hospital, Vizagapatam, but no X-ray treatment is available for the treatment of cancer cases.

(4) At the Erskine Hospital, Madura, only deep X-ray is available but no radium.

The Surgeon-General reports that a proposal is under consideration for the establishment of a modern Cancer Hospital in the Madras City which would serve as a research and training institute for the treatment of cancer. Under present conditions, it would be impossible to make use of the latest and most up-to-date ideas and principles in the interim arrangements proposed for the treatment of cancer cases. This will be possible only when regular clinics and one or more cancer hospitals are established in this Province.

"(d) The matter is under consideration".

Dr. V.K.JOHN:- "May I know, Sir, whether it is in order to refer to any of these gentlemen with their titles?"

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MEDON:-- "As long as these gentlemen have not given up their titles, I think it is not proper for me not to mention them."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO:-- "Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to make some arrangements for the early detection of cancer cases in the mufassal before they come up for treatment in the Madras City".

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON:-- "Yes, Sir".

Mrs. M.N.CLUBWALA:-- "May I know, Sir, when the cancer hospital is going to come into existence?"

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON:-- "It is not possible to give any approximate date, Sir, but it is being considered."

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Please see the extract at pages 15-16 c.f. of the proceedings of the Legislative Council. With reference to "A" on page 16 c.f. a draft Memo is submitted for approval.

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Action will be taken separately on the receipt of the Surgeon General's reply. The papers may be recorded.

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